A TOP NOTCH OF ELEGANCE IN THE SEASON'S FASHIONS.

Maryellous Confections of Satin, Velvet and Net-Extravagant Amounts of Embroidery-Cachet Given by the Note of Originality-Many Models.

If there is one thing more attractive than the evening frock of the season that one thing is the evening wrap. | The foyers of the opera houses offer visions quite as entrancing as those on view in the boxes, and watching the crowd of beautifully gowned women going, from carriage or notor to foyer or from foyer to carriage or car gives one an impression of luxury such as is hardly afforded even by a study of the grand tier.

Surely we have reached the top notch of elegance and extravagance in evening cloaks. Novelties may come, but in anything more picturesque, more becoming, more lovely than some of the wraps we have seen this season we refuse to believe.

The fur wraps are of course, in a class by themselves in point of costliness and luxuriousness, and some of the new models in ermine, the flowing Directoire capes for example, are supremely elegant; but one turns from them to the marvellous confections of satin, velvet, net, with a sigh of delight in the color and sheen and flow of these less costly materials.

And after all, it one's aim is to spend money, one can spend a considerable amount upon an evening cloak even without going in for enveloping, trailing ermine or chinchilla or sable. Costly fur may be judiciously combined with the humbler stuffs, and elaborate embroidery will do much toward boosting the price of chiffon or satin. Add to this the name of a great French designer and one has piled up a number of features likely to come high.

The amount of embroidery bestowed upon some of the handsome models is madly extravagant, but line is the first thing to be considered, the crux of the whole design. If the cloak fails there no amount of elaboration will redeem it. and with originality and grace of line a coat may achieve tremendous cachet without even the slightest trace of intricate

For instance, there is the black meteor crèpe cloak of the sketch, a model from a famous French maker, and dependent entirely upon its lines for its effect The draped sleeves are graceful, but the distinctive and original note of the model is to be found in the two long scarf ends in which the sleeve and shoulder drapery terminate and which fall to the bottom of the cloak with a finish of big heavy tassels. These scarf or stole draperies may be allowed to fall straight over the fronts, but are more effective when one is thrown back over the opposite shoulder in Spanish fashion, as indicated in the sketch.

Still more simple-more commonplace too, yet very effective—are the big cape cloaks of soft satin draped up over the arm by plaits which are usually held by handsome ornaments, similar ornaments decorating the fronts. All sorts of variations are rung upon this theme, and fur frequently enters into the trimming scheme. Big draped sleeves cut separately from the body of the coat or in one with it, the armhole in any case being hidden under trimming, with a cloak of capelike fall and sweep are the usual thing, but of course details vary.

Some beautiful French models in heavy satin crèpe or satin or in chiffon or silk mousseline or satin have backs and fronts solidly embroidered in Dalmatic shape, while the rest of the cloak is cleverly

Others are combinations of heavy like the pink cloak of the sketch, which was built up in chiffon faille and lavishly embroidered chiffon, with ermine collar and sleeve finish

Gorgeous models of gray net embroidered in gray and silver and trimmed in chinchilla have been brought over by importers, and one such coat was worn at the opera. In company with it that vening was a cloak of heavy satin in gold yellow, with a broad band of skunk or bordering the neck and running down the fronts to the waist line, where the fur ended under big Byzantine ornaments of gold and mock jewels. The fronts did not quite come together and were held at the bust line with soft scarfs of the satin finished with tassels matching the ornaments on the fronts. The golden yellows are popular for

cloak purposes this winter, as for frocks, and this embroidered cape of the sketch was an especially lovely cape in this color. The material was an all silk chiffon velvet, marvellous in suppleness and sheen, and it was heavily embroidered with silk in self color and trimmed with self color silk fringe.

The gray meteor model pictured here with the long slender point of violet set into its back is graceful if a trifle odd, and the importer who shows it shows too a wonderful cloak of rose satin em-broidered in dull silver and gray and with touches of chinchilla at throat and sleeves. There, too, we saw the white satin cloak embroidered in dull gold and inset with Venetian lace whose design was embroidered over in gold.

Faille, ottoman, chiffon brocaded in velvet-any number of lovely stuffs-are used by the cloak makers, and for less costly garments the chiffon broadcloths in beautiful colorings are made up. These follow the draped cape lines as a rule, with relieving embroidery at the throat, and for young wearers sweeping capes with high Directoire collars and semimilitary cord fastenings are very smart and practical.

Protecting Plants From Frest. From the Gardener.

Many people do not know that a sheet of ed over a plant will do a great otecting it from frost. man had one of his boilers eated a portion of the houses break twenty degrees. The consequence e long, low, span roof houses

the means of being heated. them over his plants and in the ch subjects as cyclamens placed straw on the top of the paper; alority of the plants had only a kness of paper to protect them, esult that not a plant was seri-ed.

When Cold Breathe Deeply.

From the Family Doctor. ple way to get warm after exposure cold is to take a long breath with the nes, until you begin to feel the heat re-

ong breath quickens the pulse and auses the blood to circulate faster. Bod flows into all parts of the veins teries and gives out a great deal of it is stated that this method of deeping prevents colds and a great many all ments if begun in time.



EVENING CLOAKS OF VELVET, OF SATIN AND OF FAILLE, WITH EMBROIDERED NET AND FUR.

PLAYS WITH BABIES FOR PAY

RESOURCE OF A YOUNG WOMAN WHO LOST HER JOB.

Takes Care of the Bables of Her Neighbors at 10 Cents a Day and Finds It More Profitable Than Work in a Store—Good for the Bables Too.

"Playing with babies may not be a very dignified profession, but I find it pleasant

and remunerative." The speaker was a young woman whose mother keeps a lodging house in an unfashionable quarter of New York. The house is old fashioned and roomy, with a large back yard and a well lighted garret. As it belongs to an estate it cannot be sold or torn down, and as it is in an unfashionable quarter its rent is low.

"The babies pay me 10 cents a day, and there are usually from twenty to thirty a day," she went on. "In the summer we play on the sand pile in the back yard and during the winter in the garret; at least, playing in the garret is my plan for this winter, but as this is my first cold season I can't speak from experience.

"I only began the business last spring. I had been working in the advertising department of a department store directing catalogues and circulars from 8 A. M. to 6 P. M. for \$5 a week. I'm not saying that the work is worth more, for I don't believe it is, but it does seem very little

mistress has to help with the work on wash days at least.

"I noticed that on Mondays one of the older children in several of the families The same night that the had to be kept at home to look out for happened to the pipe there were the baby. That gave me my idea. I see of frost and the succeeding went to those mothers and offered to care for their babies on Mondays.

"They all could see our yard and I explained about the garret. When I got the promise of ten children, all under 3 I had three loads of sand piled in the

was ready to take her to the country for the summer. It really was remarkable the way that baby improved.

"At first she was too indifferent to move or take the slightest interest in what was going on about her, beyond a whine now and then when she wished to attract your attention. Before the end of the second in England. One of them Mrs. Victoria attention. Before the end of the second

Zula Maud Woodhull.

The village is near Norton Park, the estate which Mrs. Martin inherited from her second husband several years ago. It is called Bredon's Norton, and until recently was a "tumbledown, decaying agricultural village managed in the old, inefficient style and quite cut off from the outer world."

The two Americans improved the The two Americans improved the village, had a fight with the education authorities, which resulted in a complete reorganization of the school, and finally restored the old manor house and opened

and then when she wished to attract your attention. Before the end of the second week she was actively engaged on the sand pile and in planting a garden in the corner of the yard. Best of all, she actually had color in her cheeks.

"That child made my fortune, for when they took her into the country she used to cry to come back to my back yard. After a few weeks stay her mother decided she was doing just as well at home as in the country, so back she came, and she has been with me every day since.

"The doctor has approved of my plans for the winter, so I feel that I may as well stick to the work as go back to the store. I not only make more money playing with babies, but I have more time, and as for pleasure the two are worlds apart.

"Besides the sand pile I have a few kindergarten materials and I have taken a few lessons at night in that work, though I don't pretend to call myself a teacher. I don't promise to do anything but keep the babies amused and out of mischief.

"Oh, yes, I have several under a year old, but none over 5. I'd like to keep them under 4, but as one of the mothers explained, they grow up while you are turning around, so what is one to do? Several of those I had last spring are now over 4 and I had either to raise my age limit or leave them out. As they are not old enough to go to school and their mothers want them to come here there seems nothing for me to do but to take them in.

"While I don't expect to have as many it as a Woman's Agricultural Club.

A pamphlet describing the club and its objects gives this outline of the conditions of membership:

them in.

"While I don't expect to have as many babies during the winter as I did in the babies during the winter as I did in the land of the seems pretty certain that I believe it is, but it does seem very little pay for such hours.

"At any rate, it was my first job and the best that I could do. In February I was taken ill, and it was well on in April before taken ill, and it was well on beack to the store.

I was well enough to go back to the store.

I was well enough to go back to the store. Of course my place had been filled and the best I could do was to get a promise of the first vacancy. It was while I was waiting and helping at home that the thought of playing with children came to me.

"You see we are surrounded with apartment houses. None of them is very expensive and all of them have lots of children. They are housekeeping apartments and most of the tenants keep one girl. That of course means that the mistress has to help with the work on

one servant and must live in a small apartment, caring for a young child is really a problem.

"Do I have any difficulty in collecting my dues? None whatever. Each little chubby fist hands in its 10 cents as regularly as it makes its appearance. I would be perfectly willing to let it go until the end of the week or the month for that matter, but I began with paying every day and as the children enjoy handing the money in and their parents have never suggested a change I let it go."

The Ginke Tree.

From the Columbia State.

I had three loads of sand piled in the back yard, and the following Monday. I morning ten babies were on hand at 8:30. I had only considered it from a money making point but before the morning was over I realized that it was real pleasure I was having. They were all ready for their nap when the time came for them to go home at noon.

"By the end of May instead of entertaining children once a week I was doing it every day and the number had more than doubled. One of the doctors in the neighborhood heard of what was going on and after coming to inspect our yard he sent his own baby, not once a week but every day.

"She was a delicate little thing 2 years old and her father said that if she didn't get sick she might come until her mother."

"Lovers of nature should see a manifestation of the beautiful in foliage at the corner of Elmwood avenue and Assembly street, "said William P. Houseal. "The ginko trees there, to the number of nine, have donned for uniformity and splendor of color I have never seen their equal.

"The ginko tree, it should be remembered, is the oldest species of tree on the American continue that the dim past it flourished as far north as Montana. Great pride is taken in the ginko on account of the sent his own baby, not once a week but every day.

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will live in separate houses.

Members may attend the higher courses at Cheltenham Ladies' College.

Members who live in the village or imme-

diate neighborhood may obtain all meals at the club at a very moderate price. This is an important item, as gentlewomen are often deterred from settling in the country on account of the great difficulty of getting any one to do the necessary cooking and housework. By being able to obtain their meals they are more or less independent of the servant question and manage very well with occasional help.

The various fees charged the club Unique Institution Started Abread by American Women.

Two American women are conducting what is described as "a village Utopia" in England. One of them, Mrs. Victoria Woodhull Martin, has enjoyed intermittent celebrity for a good many years. mittent celebrity for a good many years.

recreation.

The house is a beautiful stone Eliza-The house is a beautiful stone Elizabethan manor house with the date 1585 over its stone gateway. The country is charming and the young women members of the club, which already is self-supporting, have for their use a motor launch on the Avon and other facilities for bathing and boating. They have a good library in the mansion and a spacious music room, where they give concerts and other entertainments

FIRELESS COOKERS.

American Women Learning Their Merits in the Kitchen.

There are few kitchens now that do not boast some kind of fireless cooker, home made or manufactured. Although the knowledge of fireless cookery only reached American housekeepers recently is by no means a modern method. It is generally conceded that Norway

The other is Mrs. Martin's daughter, Miss

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to take lessons in gardening, dairy or poul-

try work or bee keeping for long or short

Members who have trained at any of the

Zula Maud Woodhull.

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passents principally, cooked (even in our great-grandmothers' day) almost all their foods by starting them over the fire, then packing them in a hay box or even in the family feather bed.

The women then were free to go to the fields, sure of finding a hot dinner on their return. Danish women, so fond of an all day's jaunt in the country remember the fireless box of their childhood days. On starting for a pionio it was filled with good things and supplied hot palatable dishes at the end of the drive.

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